

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:39 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 11, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S5518–19.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Lisa Afua Serwah Mensah, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Stabenow, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

FREIGHT RAIL SERVICE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine freight rail service, focusing on improving the performance of America's rail system, after receiving testimony from Senators Heitkamp and Hoeven; Arthur Neal, Deputy Administrator, Transportation and Marketing Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture; Jerry D. Cope, Dakota Mill and Grain, Rapid City, South Dakota, on behalf of South Dakota Grain and Feed Association; and Cal Dooley, American Chemistry Council, Shane Karr, The Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, and Edward R. Hamberger, Association of American Railroads, all of Washington, DC.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of William V. Roebuck, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Judith Beth Cefkin, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Fiji, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, and Tuvalu, Barbara A. Leaf, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, and Pamela Leora Spratlen, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CYBERSECURITY, TERRORISM, AND BEYOND

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine cybersecurity, terrorism, and beyond, focusing on addressing evolving threats to the homeland, after receiving testimony from Francis X. Taylor, Under Secretary, Office of Intelligence and Analysis, and Suzanne E. Spaulding, Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Nicholas J. Rasmussen, Deputy Director, National Counterterrorism Center; and Robert Anderson, Jr., Executive Assistant Director, Criminal, Cyber, Response, and Services Branch, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

IRRIGATION IN INDIAN COUNTRY

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine irrigation projects in Indian country, after receiving testimony from Lawrence S. Roberts, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Stuart Paisano, Pueblo of Sandia, Bernalillo, New Mexico, on behalf of the Coalition of Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblos; Darrin Old Coyote, Crow Nation, Crow Agency, Montana; Ruth Jim, Yakama Nation, Toppenish, Washington; and Mitchel T. Cottenoir, Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho Tribes, Ft. Washakie, Wyoming.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Matthew Vincent Masterson, of Ohio, and Christy A. McCormick, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

OLDER AMERICANS AND STUDENT LOAN DEBT

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Older Americans and student loan debt, focusing on how inability to repay student loans may affect financial security of a small percentage of retirees, after receiving testimony from Charles A. Jeszeck, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; William Leith, Chief Business Operations Officer, Federal Student Aid, Department of Education; and Rosemary Anderson, Santa Cruz, California.